

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

24. (new) A paint roller comprising:
a paint applicator having a cylindrical outer surface and two opposite ends;
and
two holder mounts, respectively associated with said two opposite ends, each of said holder mounts having a base surface and comprising:
a journal, protruding from said base surface in a direction away from said paint applicator, said journal comprising at least one holder abutment, each of said at least one holder abutment having a planar abutment surface substantially aligned on a common plane
wherein
total area of said planar abutment surface for each of said journal is smaller than an axial cross-section of each of said holder mounts, said smaller total area achieved by a plurality of arc-shaped members disposed around said journal.
25. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said journal further comprises a hollow cylindrical protrusion.
26. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 25, wherein said at least one holder abutment forms a ring surrounding said hollow cylindrical protrusion.
27. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said hollow cylindrical protrusion forms a channel with an inner wall having at least one circumferential ridge.
28. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 27, wherein said channel communicates with interior of said paint applicator.
29. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 27, wherein said channel of sufficient diameter to permit pouring of paint without the need of a funnel.

30. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 24, wherein said journal engagement portion comprises a loop for coupling to said journal.

31. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 30, wherein said loop comprises a mount abutment surface, said mount abutment surface having an area larger than total area of said planar abutment surface for each of said journal.

32. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 31, wherein said area of said mount abutment surface is smaller than an axial cross-section of each of said holder mounts.

33. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 30, and further comprising a cover for capping at least one of said holder mounts.

34. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 33, wherein said cover comprises a cylindrical portion having at least one perimeter ridge.

35. (new) The paint roller as claimed in Claim 24, and further comprising an applicator holder having:
a handle;
and
a fork having opposite sides, each of said opposite sides having a journal engagement portion.